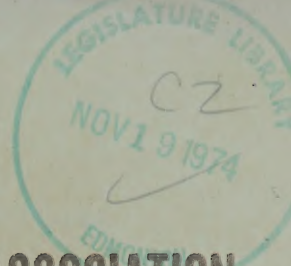
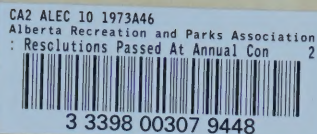


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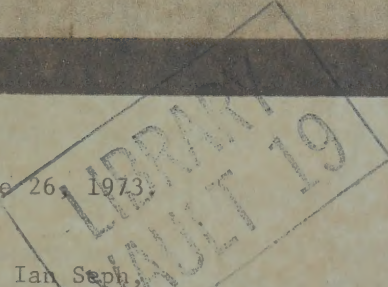


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ALBERTA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION

9915 - 76 Avenue, Edmonton.

June 26, 1973



Mr. Ian Seph,
Administrative Assistant to the Executive Council,
Room 302, Legislative Building,
EDMONTON, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Seph:

At our annual spring conference held at the Banff Springs Hotel from April 26-29, 1973, the membership of the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association passed a number of resolutions for the Executive to present to the Government of Alberta.

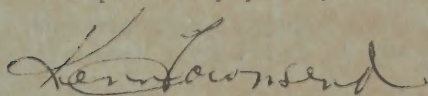
Most of our concerns in the past have dealt mainly with the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation and as such we have dealt with that Department directly and with the Honourable Minister, H.A. Schmid, with very gratifying results, I might add.

The resolutions passed at Banff have implications concerning other Departments of the Government and for that reason I was directed to you in order to make our concerns known to the Departments affected and to the Premier of Alberta.

We would like to present these resolutions in person at the Governments convenience to those Ministers of the Departments concerned.

I am enclosing a copy of the resolutions for your information.

Respectfully yours,



Kenn Townsend,
President.

KRT:jr

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RESOLUTION 1:

Because mosquitoes in most of Alberta are so prevalent that citizens are often denied the use of their parks and recreational areas, and

because it is ridiculous to spend millions on these areas, when they cannot be fully utilized, and

because our summer seasons are so short that it is essential that they be available for every possible day, and

because municipalities cannot do an effective job of mosquito abatement because mosquitoes do not respect municipal boundaries, and

because mosquitoes also present a definite hazard to health

it is recommended that the Provincial Government undertake a province wide programme of mosquito abatement as soon as possible.

Moved by: K. MacDonald

Seconded: P. Fluet

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 11:

Be it resolved that the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association commend the Government of the Province of Alberta for its wisdom and foresight in the acquisition of large acreages of Provincial Park land within the Province's urban areas as demonstrated by the Fish Creek programme in Calgary.

Moved by: H. Boothman

Seconded: C. Hodgson

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 111:

Whereas it has become apparent that large open spaces and park lands in close proximity to the urban centres of the province are required to meet the recreation demands of citizens, and

Whereas these regional recreation areas are required to meet needs distinct from those of the present provincial parks system,

be it resolved: "that the Province of Alberta establish a task force to study the relationships between the present provincial park system and a system of regional recreation areas, and further

that this task force involve citizens of the urban areas and professionals involved in municipal parks and recreation systems."

Moved by: H. Boothman

Seconded: D. Parks

CARRIED.

RECOMMENDATION IV:

It is hereby recommended that the following problems be considered by the A.R.P.A. Executive in any way deemed acceptable; and submissions be made to the Department of Municipal Affairs to be considered in the Planning Act that is currently under revision:

- 1) those sections of government that are involved in granting authority for the establishment of park areas be amalgamated into one Branch so that submissions for the establishment of such special areas can become more convenient.
- 2) that more input be possible by Recreation Personnel into the approval of planning for recreation space in new urban subdivision developments.

Moved by: D. O'Donnell

Seconded: D. Parks

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION V:

Whereas the Province of Alberta is presently studying coterminus administrative boundaries, and

whereas recreation professional and lay people are experiencing difficulties in dealing with these conflicting boundaries

Be it resolved that the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association urge the Government of Alberta to accelerate their study of coterminus boundaries such as regional planning commissions, provincial recreation areas and tourist associations, and further

be it resolved that the Government of Alberta be requested to involve the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association in their deliberations in this matter.

Moved by: T. Priddle

Seconded: D. O'Donnell

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION VII:

That the A.R.P.A. adopt the following policy statement on community schools:

The Alberta Recreation and Parks Association regards education and recreation as lifelong processes and conceives their basic functions as enhancing the quality of life for all members of the community. The Association recognizes that education and recreation should be relevant to individual needs, and that all community agencies should co-operate and ensure that local resources are fully utilized to meet the challenge of community living.

The association believes that all schools and their resources should be available to, and utilized by the community, and other community resources should be available to, and utilized by the schools to enrich their primary service.

Moved by: K. Danford

Seconded: B. Stampbach

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION IX:

Be it resolved that the A.R.P.A. Executive draft a letter to the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation, indicating our agreement and expressing our appreciation of the Summer Employment for Recreation Students Programme. The following recommendations are to be included in the letter:

- 1) that the programme be continued
- 2) that the programme continue on a 4 month duration
- 3) that the programme be announced by January 1st of the fiscal year, due to the fact that:
 - a) municipalities and other participating organizations must budget for these funds.
 - b) in order to fully utilize the interested students, information regarding these opportunities must be available to students prior to March 1st of each year.

It should also be noted, that due to budget considerations and the timing of the announcement, it was impossible for some of the participating agencies to meet their financial obligations to the programme.

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It is also recommended that the contents of this letter be considered by the Government in the final evaluation of the 1973 programme.

Moved by: K. Danford

Seconded: T. Rabinovitz

CARRIED.

MOTION:

That the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association and the Professional Institute, get together re: the proposed meeting with Dr. Brian Staples and the Minister of Advanced Education, to discuss the non-credit school extension course regulations.

Moved by: E. Brandt

Seconded: J. Fodor

CARRIED.

MOTION:

That the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation be approached by A.R.P.A. re: further information on the capital grant structure, in view of this budget year and long range planning by it's members.

Moved by: T. Van Biezen

Seconded: G. Hall

CARRIED.

